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TEXAS RESEARCH-TO-POLICY COLLABORATION PROJECT

End-of-Year Wrap-up 2024



A message from Dr. Deanna Hoelscher



As we close out 2024, I want to express my gratitude for your hard work and dedication to improving the health of Texas children and families. We look forward to continuing to provide public health-related resources for the 2025 Legislative Session!

Dr. Deanna Hoelscher

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Highlights from 2024

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**Bill Topics
Will be
Tracked**

The [2025 Texas Legislature Bill Tracker](#) is now live! This bill tracker has 7 categories, including healthcare, family and child health, school-based health, environmental health, nutrition/food access, physical activity, and tobacco/E-cigs, and 18 subtopics.

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**Health Policy
Resource
Reports**

12 [Health Policy Resource Reports](#) were released on maternal and perinatal care, maternal mental health, food is medicine, opioid prevention, child developmental delays and disorders, early childhood intervention, child poverty, congenital syphilis, non-medical drivers of health, period poverty, and more.



4 TX RPC Project [Lunch & Learn](#) presentations were held at the State Capitol and included topics on congenital syphilis in Texas; childhood obesity prevalence in Texas after COVID-19; findings from the 2021-2023 Texas School Physical Activity and Nutrition Survey; non-medical drivers of health; and food is medicine.



The Michael & Susan Dell Center for Healthy Living hosted [25 webinars](#) on maternal and child health, mental health, nutrition, physical activity, non-medical drivers of health, and more.



14 TX RPC Project [newsletters](#) were developed highlighting health policy resource reports, TX RPC Project researcher publications and projects, webinars, and events.



1 TX RPC Project manuscript was published, [Bridging Public Health Research and State-Level Policy: The Texas Research-to-Policy Collaboration Project](#), and we have 2 manuscripts under review and 2 manuscripts in progress.

Resource Corner

The TX RPC Project develops accessible public health policy-related resources. Links to specific resource categories on our website can be found below:

[Texas Legislative](#)

[TX RPC Project Health Policy](#)

[Texas Child Health Status](#)

[Michael & Susan Dell Center for](#)

[TX RPC Project Newsletters](#)

Request information on a public health topic.

About

The [Texas Research-to-Policy Collaboration \(TX RPC\) Project](#) is a nonpartisan network that aims to bridge research and policy by supporting partnerships between child health researchers and legislators.

If you and your legislative office are interested in collaborating with our team to receive public health resources at state, district, and local levels, please reach out to TXRPCNetwork@uth.tmc.edu.

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